

CFNKLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT for the 2020 AGM

CFNKLS has had another full year of activities by the board of directors (BOD). With the added challenge of the pandemic this spring.

In June 2019 I attended the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) gathering in Victoria. (Please check our web site nklcommunityfund.org, July minutes, to see my report) We thanked Peter Jonker for his two year years of helpful service to CFNKLS and we welcomed Donna Butt to our BOD. Please note, Peter will be continuing as our slide show aficionado.

After the 2019 grants were allocated and prior to this years grants, we created policies to assist the Grants Committee in making decisions re grant applications. Please view our web site to see policies P202-205. We thank M.L. Thomson for her participation on the grant committee in 2019/20 and Dawn Lang in 2020. Adjustments were also made to our granting guidelines with major input from Joe and Barney throughout the winter and into spring.

We made changes to be compliant with the BC Societies Act. CFNKLS can now make public the names of members in good standing. We have now posted the approved minutes of each BOD meeting on our web site. A big thank you to Donna for taking on the administration of our greatly improved site.

In July 2019 Catherine took on coordination of our Small Grants Fund available to individuals and nonprofits to support small community-building projects. These amounts can vary from \$25 to \$100 per application. All of the initial \$500 for 2019 was awarded and as of May 2020 we have awarded \$120 more with a balance of \$380 left for awarding in 2020. This fund is available due to the generosity of the KSCF.

Also in July 2019 the RBC Future Launch Youth Grants were initiated. We promoted this opportunity on Facebook. In December CFNKLS chose KULYN (NKLCSS) to receive the \$5000 grant for Pride festivities...painting sidewalks, and a parade in 2020. Unfortunately this has been delayed to 2021 due to the pandemic.

In early August CFNKLS, along with KORTS and the Garthes, had their photo taken in front of the Pennywise. The Garthes found the 2019 Treasure Box and chose KORTS to be the charity recipient of the 2019 Treasure Fund. We thank the Pennywise, Vancouver Foundation and generous donors for their support. Big thanks to Barney, Catherine and Aiko for hiding the treasure, creating clues and promoting the event. We still hope to hold the 2020 Treasure Hunt this summer. Publicity will follow on our Facebook page and Pennywise as our plans finalize. Some details about the hunt are already visible on the Treasure Hunt web site at www.nkltreasure.wordpress.com

Aiko manages our Facebook site, Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society. In September 2019 we had 51 followers plus 250 likes/comments. All our initiatives are

now posted on our Facebook page and we invite you to check the site out if you have not done so already.

In October the BOD started discussions on what role CFNKLS could play in case of major incidents like fire, flood, landslides or major accidents. Little did we know that a large percentage of our grant funding in 2020 would go toward providing pandemic relief.

Early this year David Stewart stepped down from the BOD for personal reasons. We miss him and sometime soon hope to celebrate his years on the BOD since CFNKLS was founded.

We had our last physical BOD meeting in March 2020. Since then we have met on Zoom and our grant committee had its meeting on Zoom as well. While it has been great to have an alternative way to get together it will be wonderful when we can once again meet in person.

We have had the challenge to once again fill the vacant position on the BOD created by David's departure. Happily, just in time for our AGM, Mark Gingrich has agreed to join our Board. We have one further vacancy to fill and we hope to find that person before the year is over.

A list of the 2020 grant recipients will be posted on our web site along with our comparative financial statement and this report in June 2020. The total amount awarded this year from the interest on our endowed funds is \$47,594.23. We hope members will be able to join us for our AGM in the park in June....more details to follow.

Thank you to my fellow board members and all the members and donors who support CFNKLS. Takes a team and we have an awesome one.

Honora Cooper
President, CFNKLS



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